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(U) Grand Terrance – Man Arrested with 40-Pounds of Cocaine, Fentanyl Pills

(U) Ulises Solis Diaz, 40, a suspected drug dealer was arrested with what is believed to be about \$700,000 worth of cocaine and a large quantity of fentanyl pills, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Inside his vehicle deputies said they located a bag containing a large amount of fentanyl pills, ammunition, a "Slim Jim" burglary tool commonly used to break into vehicles, approximately 19 brick-shaped packages containing a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine, and multiple scales that would indicate the sales of narcotics, the Sheriff's Department stated.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [KTLA5](#)

(U) Sacramento – Prison Officials Investigate Third Inmate Slaying Within a Week

(U) California prison officials said that they are investigating the third slaying of an inmate by other inmates within the span of a week, at three different prisons. The latest was at Pelican Bay State Prison, where officials say Fernando Torres Lopez attacked fellow inmate Uriel Otero in a dayroom. He was pronounced dead less than an hour later. A week earlier, officials say two inmates killed a third at High Desert State Prison, the slain inmate was identified as Albert Martinez, 52. A day later, on 23 July, they said two inmates killed a third at California State Prison, Sacramento in Folsom. The inmate killed in Folsom was identified as Wayne Caskey, 59. Officials said all three are under investigation, so they could not comment on any possible connections.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [CBS Sacramento](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – First Capitol Rioter to Stand Trial Gets Seven-Years

(U) Washington – A federal judge sentenced the first US Capitol rioter convicted at trial to 87-months, just over seven-years in prison, the longest term of incarceration thus far for a defendant in the Justice Department's criminal investigation of the 6 January 2021 assault on Congress. Guy Wesley Reffitt, 49, of Wylie, Texas, was convicted by a federal jury in March of five felony counts, including obstruction of justice as well as entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds with a firearm.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Forsage Crypto Executives Charged with Running \$300 Million Ponzi Scheme

(U) Washington – Eleven people who ran and promoted cryptocurrency firm Forsage are facing charges of operating a pyramid and Ponzi scheme that raised more than \$300 million from millions of investors in the US and elsewhere, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Forsage executives posted videos that promised huge returns for investors, with one calling it "a powerful long-term source of passive income." But securities regulators allege the service's founders weren't providing an investment strategy, but rather running a pyramid scheme, where investors made money by recruiting others. Also, earlier investors were paid through the money invested by newer customers, the hallmark of a classic Ponzi structure.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [CBS News](#)

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(U) Indiana – Police Officer Shot and Killed During Traffic Stop

(U) Elwood – Officer Noah Shahnavaz, 24, was conducting a traffic stop in Madison County at around 2 a.m. when a suspect exited their car and began firing. "For an unknown reason, the suspect exited the Buick and fired multiple rounds striking the officer at least one time. Before additional officers arrived, the suspect fled from the scene," the Indiana State Police said in a news release. Shahnavaz was taken to a local hospital and then to one in Indianapolis, where he died from his injuries. The suspect, Carl Roy Webb Boards II, 42, was later taken into custody after again fleeing from police. Madison County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Hanna said his office intends to file charges, including murder.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) Mississippi – Suspect in College Bomb Threats Identified

(U) Jackson – A suspect has been identified in the case of at least 12 bomb threats made last week at several Mississippi colleges and universities, a state official said. The threats, made at both public and private universities as well as a number of community colleges, occurred a day after similar threats in Alabama and Tennessee, though officials did not say whether the cases in other states were connected to those in Mississippi. According to multiple reports, FBI officials said they had identified several juvenile suspects in those threats, though it is unclear whether arrests had been made or charges filed.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [Mississippi Clarion Ledger](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Inmate at Private Prison Kills Officer, Officials Say

(U) Holdenville – A corrections officer at a private prison in Oklahoma was killed by an inmate over the weekend, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections said. The attack took place at Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville. Officer Alan Jay Hershberger died Sunday, following the attack, it said. He was "conducting an inmate movement when he was attacked from behind" by an inmate with a homemade weapon, according to the statement. The alleged attacker was identified by prison officials as inmate Gregory Thompson, who they said is serving a life-sentence for a 2003 first-degree murder conviction.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [NBC News](#)

(U) Virginia – Man who Narrated Violent ISIS Videos, Sentenced to Life-in-Prison

(U) Alexandria – A Canadian citizen who led propaganda efforts for the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and personally executed two Syrian soldiers in widely circulated videos was sentenced to life-in-prison by a US judge. According to the Department of Justice, Mohammed Khalifa served as a lead translator in ISIS's propaganda production and the English-speaking narrator on multiple violent ISIS videos. In a sentencing memorandum, prosecutors said Khalifa played a key role in the group's efforts to recruit tens-of-thousands of foreign fighters to defend its self-proclaimed caliphate in Iraq and Syria.

SOURCE: 1 August 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Al-Qa'ida Leader Ayman Al Zawahiri Killed in Counterterrorism Operation

(U) Kabul – The United States conducted a "successful" counterterrorism operation against al-Qa'ida leader Ayman Al Zawahiri in Afghanistan over the weekend, a senior administration official reported. "Over the weekend, the United States conducted a counterterrorism operation against a significant al-Qa'ida target in Afghanistan," the senior administration official said. "The operation was successful and there were no civilian casualties."

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